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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.
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Jeff L. Reeb
Director, Office of Emergency Management

SUBJECT: **COUNTYWIDE TASK FORCE ON EBOLA PREPAREDNESS AND
RESPONSE ACTION ITEMS**

On October 10th, 2014, your Board was notified that the Department of Public Health (DPH), in conjunction with the Chief Executive Office's (CEO) Office of Emergency Management (OEM), convened a multi-department Countywide Task Force on Ebola to discuss, identify, and evaluate the County's planning and anticipated response.

The Task Force is comprised of CEO, OEM, DPH, Departments of Health Services (DHS), DHS Emergency Medical Services, Fire, Sheriff, Coroner, Internal Services, Public Social Services, Mental Health, Children and Family Services, Community and Senior Services, Animal Care and Control, and Los Angeles City Emergency Management Division.

The Task Force is focusing on managing and coordinating efforts by all involved departments on the County's preparedness and response to Ebola. Action items were developed and assigned to the specific departments as appropriate to address key response capabilities, including:

- Coordination and dissemination of messages across County departments;
- Disseminating protocols for the safe transportation of potentially infected individuals to hospitals and coordination and decontamination of ambulances and other emergency service vehicles;
- Ensuring access to capable vendors for decontamination and hazardous waste management;
- Ensuring cooperation with law enforcement agencies to enforce Health Officer orders and other disease control measures;

- Ensuring provision of comprehensive social, mental health, housing and other necessary services to individuals, families and communities impacted by public health disease control response measures;
- Outreach and education to correctional facilities;
- Coordination of the safe management, transportation, burial, and cremation of decedents;
- Identification of mechanism for financial reimbursement and support of response activities;
- Coordination with federal and State agencies; and
- Hosting informational calls with the 88 cities and Special Districts in Los Angeles County to share information about Ebola planning and response activities and notification protocols in the event of a case of Ebola in Los Angeles County.

A follow-up Task Force meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2014.

DPH is also coordinating the following activities this week:

- Communicating with media managers to assist media outlets in accurate coverage should a case of Ebola occur in Los Angeles County;
- Meeting with SEIU to address workforce concerns in Ebola response activities; and
- Meeting with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to discuss maintaining safety of the transportation system;

We will provide your Board with updates on the progress of these Task Force and DPH action items. Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.

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Countywide Task Force on Ebola Preparedness and Response